

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of storing and retrieving advance medical directives, comprising:
 - a) providing an advance medical directive form to a third party entity responsible for payment of medical services;
 - b) subsequent to step a), providing said advance medical directive form to an individual for whom said third party entity is responsible for payment of medical services;
 - c) said individual executing said advance medical directive form; and
 - d) collecting said advance medical directive for later retrieval.
2. The method of Claim 1, wherein said step of providing said advance medical directive to an individual comprises providing an integrated packet of forms including said advance medical directive form.
3. The method of Claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - organizing said advance medical directive forms for later retrieval;
 - providing a central depository for storing a plurality of executed advance medical directives;
 - scanning said executed advance medical directives into a plurality of computer files;
 - storing said plurality of computer files in said central depository; and
 - retrieving said plurality of executed advance medical directives via a query system.
4. The method of Claim 3, wherein said central depository comprises a database.
5. The method of Claim 3, wherein said query system comprises a telephone response system.
6. The method of Claim 3, wherein said query system comprises a computer network interface.
7. The method of Claim 3, further comprising the step of recording data to be

used for purposes of billing.

8. The method of Claim 3, further comprising the step of transmitting the selected advance medical directive to a desired destination.

9. The method of Claim 8, wherein said desired destination comprises at least one of a facsimile machine and a computer.

10. A system for storing and retrieving advance medical directives, comprising:

a database for storing a plurality of electronic files containing executed advance medical directive forms, said advance medical directive forms including a plurality of bubbles corresponding to a set of digits and letters, wherein each of said bubbles are filled by an executor according to each of said digits and each of said letters of a specified index;

a scanner for scanning said executed advance medical directive forms;

a computational device operably connected to said scanner and said database, said computational device controlling said scanner and generating said electronic files containing said executed advance medical directive forms for transmission to said server, said computational device operable to read said filled bubbles to determine said specified index, said server indexing said electronic files containing said advance medical directive forms with said specified index;

an interface including a query system for retrieving a selected advance medical directive; and

means for transmitting said selected advance medical directive from said database.

11. The system of Claim 10, wherein said specified index comprises an executor's social security number.

12. The system of Claim 10, wherein said means for transmitting comprises a facsimile machine.

13. The system of Claim 10, wherein said means for transmitting comprises a computer.

14. The system of Claim 10, wherein said means for transmitting comprises a fax server.

15. A method of storing and retrieving advance medical directives, comprising:

providing an advance medical directive form to an individual;

said individual executing said advance medical directive form; and

storing said advance medical directive in a central depository controlled by a third party entity responsible for payment of medical services.

16. The method of Claim 15, wherein said step of storing said advance medical directive comprises the steps of:

scanning said executed advance medical directives into a plurality of computer files; and

storing said plurality of computer files in said central depository.

17. The method of Claim 16, further comprising the step of retrieving said plurality of said executed advance medical directives via a query system.

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